

## **Association between surgeon technical skills and patient outcomes.**

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This study examined variation in operative technical skills among patients undergoing colorectal and non-colorectal procedures and the association with patient outcomes. Higher technical skills were significantly associated with lower rates of [complications](#), [unplanned reoperations](#), and death or serious morbidity. The findings suggest that this skill variation accounts for more than 25% of the variation in patient outcomes.